

**NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 27, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Robert K. Black Jr., Supervisor; Steve Williams, Supervisor; Jesse Thompson, Supervisor; Jason Whiting, Vice-Chairman; and Dawnafe Whitesinger, Chairwoman were present.

**Call To Order:** Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by **Supervisor Thompson.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** There were no public comments

**CONSENT AGENDA:** a) Minutes: October 13, 2015 b) Constable Reports: Snowflake Precinct #3, September and Pinetop-Lakeside Precinct #6, September c) Justice Court Reports: Holbrook Justice Court Precinct #1, September; Winslow Justice Court Precinct #2, September; Snowflake Justice Court Precinct #3, September; Kayenta Justice Court Precinct #4, September; Show Low Justice Court Precinct #5, September; and Pinetop-Lakeside Precinct #6, September 2015 d) Clerk of Superior Court Report September 2015 e) Juvenile Probation Report September 2015 f) Federal Bureau of Investigation MOU between the Sheriff's Office and FBI to delineate the responsibilities of the Northern Arizona Safe Streets Task Force g) Certify revenue collected by Superior Court, Clerk of the Court, and all six Justice Courts: **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to authorize the Chairwoman to sign the items in the consent agenda; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson.** Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** Navajo County Recognizes **Michael Tyler** (Facilities Management); **Brandt Clark** (County Attorney); **Vern Hardee** (Jail Operations) for their excellence in personal performance far exceeding organization expectations; Shirley Hunt, with the Care Committee recognized Michael Tyler, Brandt Clark and Vern Hardee for their excellent service to Navajo County. A short video of the employee recognitions were shown. Ms. Hunt thanked the employees and honored them with a certificate of recognition.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

- a. Presentation of retiring employee **Bill Sturgeon** (Public Works): Kimberly Eavenson recognized Bill Sturgeon for his 18 years of employment with Navajo County. **Supervisor Thompson**, Homero Vela and James Jayne expressed appreciation to Mr. Sturgeon for his service to Navajo County. They indicated Mr. Sturgeon will be missed as a leader and a role model.
- b. Personnel Service Awards: Congratulations to the following employees for their continued service to Navajo County: **Arno Hall** (Juvenile Probation) 30 years; **Robin House** (Health District) 5 years; **Michael Tunink** (County Attorney) 5 years; and **Patricia Whitten** (County Attorney) 5 years; Kimberly Eavenson presented the service awards to Arno Hall for his 30 years of service to Navajo County; Robin House, Michael Tunink, and Patricia Whitten for their 5 years of service of Service to Navajo County.
- c. Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: Kimberly Eavenson reviewed the 20 item personnel action report. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to approve the Personnel Action Report as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams.** Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**NAVAJO COUNTY FAIR, INC.:** Presentation by Navajo County Fair Incorporated of the 2015 Navajo County Fair and ceremonial crowing of the Navajo County Rodeo Queens: Michael Sample, President of the Navajo County Fair Board, addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding this year's 84<sup>th</sup> annual Navajo County Fair. Mr. Sample indicated that November 21<sup>st</sup> will be the appreciation dinner for the many volunteers from this year's fair. Jill Williams, Navajo County Rodeo Queen Coordinator addressed the Board regarding the Rodeo Queen Pageant. Ms. Williams introduced the following: Aubrey Toler, Navajo County Rodeo Queen; Kaevin Whitmore, Navajo

County Rodeo Teen Queen; Gracie Joe Perkins, Navajo County Rodeo Princess; and Ally Finch, Navajo County Rodeo Lil Buckaroo. Ms. Williams reported there is a horsemanship competition, private interviews, formal and informal speeches and modeling competitions. Each queen addressed the Board and introduced themselves and their platforms. The Supervisors crowned the winners of the 2015 Rodeo Queen Pageant. **Supervisor Thompson** thanked Mike Sample for his help with the Navajo County Fair and the Southwest Junior Fair and Rodeo.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/ASSESSOR:** At 9:45 a.m. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to enter into executive session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

a. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) (4) for the Board to receive legal advice from its attorney regarding settlement proposal in Mountain Oaks Senior L.P. vs. Navajo County, TX-2013-000436, and Fairway Manor L.P., TX-2013-000435:

b. At 10:01 a.m. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**RECONVENE:** for possible action regarding settlement proposal in Mountain Oaks Senior L.P. v. Navajo County, TX-2013-000436, and Fairway Manor L.P., TX-2013-000435: Jason Moore, Deputy County Attorney, addressed the Board of Supervisors and recommended that the Board settle in two county property tax appeal cases. Mr. Moore recommended that the Board settle the Fairway Manor L.P., TX-2013-000435 by reducing the value of the subjects' property of \$3,837,392 for tax years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 to \$1,000,000 for each of those tax years. Mr. Moore also recommended that the Board settle the Mountain Oaks Senior L.P., v. Navajo County, TX-2013-000436 by reducing the property value from \$1.4 million for tax years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 to \$800,000. Mr. Moore made a recommendation to approve the settlement proposal pursuant to the stipulated judgement as so presented. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to approve the settlement proposal for TX-2013-000436 and TX-2013-000435, pursuant to the stipulated judgements as so presented by the attorney; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

a. Consideration and possible acceptance of the back tax land list and authorization to publish the notice of the same scheduling the 2015 Back Tax Land On-Line Auction to begin November 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.: Melissa Buckley, Clerk of the Board discussed the item. **Supervisor Whiting** and **Chairwoman Whitesinger** thanked Mrs. Buckley for the work that she does with this project. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve the acceptance of the back tax land list and authorization to publish the notice of the same scheduling the 2015 Back Tax Land On-Line Auction to begin November 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

b. Consideration and possible approval of a bid in the amount of \$2,075.52 for 5 tax deeded properties: Melissa Buckley discussed the item. **Supervisor Whiting made a motion** to approve the bid in the amount of \$2,075.52 for 5 tax deeded properties; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**NAVAJO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT:** Board of Directors Session: **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to enter into the Navajo County Public Health Services District **Board of Directors Session**; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Memorandum of Understanding between Navajo County Public Health Services District and Apache County Public Health Services District for the position of a full-time WIC Program Registered Dietitian (RD) for the Navajo County WIC Program, that is to be shared by both Navajo and Apache County WIC Programs: **Supervisor Whiting made a motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded

by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

- a. Presentation by American Red Cross of Northern Arizona: Mary Springer, Emergency Management Director and Frank Bourget gave a report on the American Red Cross of Northern Arizona.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between The American Red Cross and Navajo County: Mary Springer discussed the item. **Supervisor Whiting made a motion** to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between The American Red Cross and Navajo County; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Consideration and possible approval of the Employee Health Plan for Year 16: Homero Vela, Assistant County Manager presented the item. The Board of Supervisors thanked the staff for their work on this health plan. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve the Employee Health Plan for Year 16; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**FINANCE:** County Finance Update: James Menlove, Finance Director gave an update on the budget.

**COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE:** Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager: **Supervisor Black** reported on the parades and meetings within his district. **Supervisor Black** thanked the County Supervisors Association staff for the CSA Summit. **Supervisor Thompson** stated he attended the Northern Arizona Council of Government's Elder Abuse meeting in Flagstaff. **Supervisor Thompson** reported he attended a Navajo Nation meeting in regards to funding support for repairing the roads on the reservation. **Supervisor Whiting** reported on the CSA Summit Conference that he attended. **Supervisor Whiting** indicated he attended the Natural Resources Working Group meeting. James Jayne invited all employees to the 2015 Thanksgiving Progressive dinner to be held on November 10. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** reported on her meetings with the National Conservation Legacy Board and the First Things First Board.

**ADJOURN:** At 11:18 a.m. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

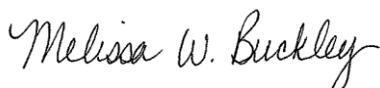
**APPROVED:**

**DATED: November 10, 2015**



**Dawnafe Whitesinger, Chairwoman  
Navajo County Board of Supervisors**

**ATTEST:**



**Melissa W. Buckley, Clerk  
Navajo County Board of Supervisors**